



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Nikoonahad et al.

Title:

Optical System for Measuring Samples Using Short Wavelength
Radiation

Application No.:

10/718,126

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November 19, 2003

Examiner:

Unknown

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2877

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified continuation application with which this Preliminary Amendment is being filed, as follows:

No Amendments to the Drawings.

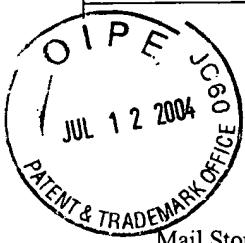
Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- (3) Preliminary Amendment (3 pages);
- (4) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
- (5) PTO Form 1449 (1 page); and
- (6) 3 References enclosed.



No additional fee is required.



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